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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. WE ARE CONSIDERING THE POUCH PROBLEM REPORTED MOSCOW 5625 AND WE WILL SEND YOU A FRONT CHANNEL REPLY ASAP. WE AGREE WITH YOU 100 PER CENT BUT WILL HAVE TO DISCUSS WITH NAS FIRST OF WEEK. AS REFLECTED 77 STATE 277203 AND A PONOMAREV-WILLEMS NOV. 23, 1977 MEMCON, VARSHAVSKIY HAS SENT CABLES TO THE USSR INDICATING THAT HE DID NOT COME HERE ENTIRELY OF HIS OWN FREE WILL. HE TOLD US HE DID THIS IN AN EFFORT TO BE HELPFUL TO HIS PARENTS.

2. SHEARA FRIEND, PROSPECTIVE NANNY OF ASSISTANT AGATT STEVEN YODER, HAS NOT YET RECEIVED HER SOVIET VISA AND IS CONCERNED THAT SHE WILL NOT GET IT BEFORE HER SCHEDULED APRIL 5 DEPARTURE FOR BELGRADE. WE UNDERSTAND YODER SENT THE EMBASSY ALL THE INFORMATION FOR THE VISA SUPPORT NOTE.
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IF SO, PLEASE ASK MFA TO AUTHORIZE HER VISA.

3. PER STATE 74306 WE EXPECT THAT EVENTUALLY MARTIN MENDELSON AND PERHAPS A COUPLE OF ACCOMPANYING ASSISTANTS WILL GO TO MOSCOW AND LATVIA ON THE WAR CRIMES CASES. WE ASSUME YOU WILL WANT TO HAVE SOMEONE FROM THE EMBASSY OR

THE CONSULATE GENERAL ACCOMPANY THEM. IF NOT, WE COULD SEND SOMEBODY FROM HERE. WE DO NOT NEED TO MAKE A DECISION UNTIL WE KNOW WHEN THE TRIP WOULD BE, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR TENTATIVE CONFIRMATION NOW THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND SOMEONE FROM THE EMBASSY. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH MENDELSON IS THAT HE IS ENTIRELY REASONABLE AND COOPERATIVE.

4. REF MOSCOW 5511 TO BUCHAREST ABOUT THE TCP PROGRAM, WE DON'T THINK THAT EMIGRANTS WHO GET EXIT VISAS FOR THE US RENOUNCE THEIR SOVIET CITIZENSHIP. OUR ASSUMPTION HAS BEEN THAT ONLY THE EMIGRANTS WHO GET EXIT VISAS FOR ISRAEL HAVE TO RENOUNCE.

5. WE MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR REPORT ON THE CHIRYAYEV INTERVIEW. BY THE WAY, CHIRYAYEV'S REFERENCE TO THE YAKUTSK PIPELINE TERMINATING AT OL'GA BAY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE INFORMATION PROVIDED US BY EL PASO. THE LATTER HAS TOLD US THE PIPELINE WOULD TERMINATE AT OL'GA, A TOWN OR CITY WHICH SITS ON OL'GA BAY, ABOUT 250 KM UP THE COAST FROM NAKHODKA.

6. RE PARA 1, STATE 071704, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS SOONEST.
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